

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SHORTHAND REPORTERS

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DECEMBER 4, 2014

The State Board of Examiners of Shorthand Reporters convened December 4, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Board Members Present: John Brandon, Chairperson, Shorthand Reporter
Patricia Masi, Shorthand Reporter
Christine Mannix, Shorthand Reporter
William Mangini, Public Member

Board Members Absent: Kate Kowalyshyn, Attorney

Board Member Vacancy: One Public Member

Board Counsel Not Present: Jose Rene Martinez, Assistant Attorney General

DCP Staff Present: Karen Layman, Secretary

Public Present: Tracy Gow, President, CCRA

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The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Chairperson Brandon.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

John made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 24, 2014 meeting, Christine seconded, all were in favor.

REINSTATEMENTS

The Board received two reinstatement applications to consider.

Jennifer Horan, SHR.448

Susan Gieras, SHR.437

Both reporters had been inactive from reporting since 2010. The Board felt that due to the length of inactivity, both should re-test. The Board ruled that Jennifer Horan and Susan Gieras cannot reinstate, and that they must retest and reapply as new applicants.

OLD BUSINESS

Patricia distributed her draft of the wording for a clarification of CEUs for Connecticut LSRs. Tracy questioned the final paragraph regarding Professional Development Credits (PDCs). After a brief discussion, the Board decided to limit the number of PDCs to 10 per cycle. Patricia will put the document into a final format and get it to John. John will forward the document to the Connecticut Court Reporters Association.

NEW BUSINESS

Patricia mentioned that NCRA has modified their reinstatement rules to allow an RPR to reinstate after being inactive for up to seven years. Although the Board felt that was extreme, the rigors of attaining an RPR designation may warrant such a time span.

Christine asked for the Board's opinion on the acceptability of digital signatures from e-transcripts. The Board felt that digital signatures are becoming more commonplace, and did not see an issue with their acceptance.

ADJOURNMENT

John asked if there was any other business to address. There was none.

John made a motion to adjourn, William seconded, all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

The next meeting of this Board is scheduled for February 24, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.